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Syllabus

Course: ME735 W1 (SP 2009)
Title: Theology of Evangelism
Hours: 3.00
Published: Yes, on 02/05/2009
Prerequisites:

None

Department: Evangelism/Church Growth
Faculty: Rev. John Hong



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Meetings:

During 02/09/2009 to 05/22/2009 on Thursday from 6:15p to 9:00p in SH404.

Maximum Registration: 15

Catalog Description: Various theologies of evangelism will be examined in light of both their historical and contemporary expressions. The course seeks to clarify the basic gospel message and aid students in their design of theologically appropriate methods and motivations for its communication. Meets with MS692 on the Kentucky Campus.

Objectives:

MS692/ME735 Theology of Evangelism

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 Spring Term, 2009: Thursday 6:15-9:00pm
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 Credit: Three Hours

Course Description

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In this course various theologies of evangelism will be examined in light of both historical and contemporary expressions. The course seeks to clarify, from a Wesleyan perspective, the basic gospel message and aid students in their design of theologically appropriate methods and motivations for its communication.

Course Objectives

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Having completed the course, students will be able:

1. To make a strong biblical, theological, and practical case for the theology of evangelism.
2. To show why Wesleyan theology is inherently evangelistic.
3. To understand the importance of sound theology of evangelism for sound evangelistic practices.
4. To appraise various aspects of theology of evangelism.
5. To articulate well-informed understandings of the kerygma.

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Course Format

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Sessions will consist of lectures by the professor and student-led presentations of the required textbooks, class discussions of assigned readings, and presentations of term papers.

Required Textbooks

1. Drummond, Lewis. *The Word of the Cross: A Contemporary Theology of Evangelism*. Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1992.
2. Outler, Albert. *Evangelism and Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit*. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 1996.
3. Barrett, David B. *Evangelize!: A Historical Survey of the Concept*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope, 1987. 85pp.
4. Johnston, Arthur. *The Battle for World Evangelism*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1978.
5. Ryken, Philip G. *The Message of Salvation*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Additional Required Texts for ME735 students

Submit a 3-5 p. (single-spaced) i°Reading Report± for two texts out of the following texts. Briefly summarize the text±'s argument, your critical analysis of it, and personal insights into evangelism that you have gained from it.

1. Akers, John N., et als. *This We Believe: The Good News of Jesus Christ for the World*. Grand Rapids , MI: ZondervanPublishingHouse, 2000.
2. Boice, James Montgomery. *Amazing Grace: The Meaning of God±'s Grace—and How It Can Change Your Life*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1993.
3. Schlink, M. Basilea. *Repentance—The Joy-Filled Life*. 18th pr. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers, 1984.
4. Hong, Sungchul John. *John Wesley the Evangelist*. Lexington, KY: Emeth Press, 2006.

Collateral texts for all the students

In addition, read 200 pages including at least one of the following texts (not previously read). Submit a 3-5 p. (single-spaced) i°Reading Report± for each of the texts and make a note of other texts read. Briefly summarize the text±'s argument, your critical analysis of it, and personal insights into evangelism that you have gained from it. In order to monitor your grade throughout the semester it is suggested that you turn in reports as you finish them rather than turning them all in on the deadline.

Evangelism and Theology

Akers, John N., et als. *This We Believe: The Good News of Jesus Christ for the World*. Grand Rapids, MI: ZondervanPublishingHouse, 2000.

Drummond, Lewis. *The Word of the Cross: A Contemporary Theology of Evangelism*. Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1992.

Gunter, W. Stephen, and Elaine, eds. *Considering the Great Commission: Evangelism and Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit*, Abingdon Press, 2005.

Hiebert, Paul G. *Missiological Implications of Epistemological Shifts*. Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 1999.

Hoekema, Anthony A. *Saved by Grace*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989.

Hong, Sungchul John. *John Wesley the Evangelist*. Lexington, KY: Emeth Press, 2006.

Johnson, Ben Campbell. *Rethinking Evangelism: A Theological Approach*. Philadelphia, PA: The Westminster Press, 1987.

Johnston, Thomas. *Examining Billy Graham±'s Theology of Evangelism*. Wipf & Stock, 2003.

Kallenbach, Walter D. *The Higher Significance of the Gospel*. St. Paul, MN: Northland Publishing House, 1938.

Klaiber, Walter. *Call & Response: Biblical Foundations of a Theology of Evangelism*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1990.

Lightner, Robert P. *Sin, the Savior and Salvation: The Theology of Everlasting Life*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991.

Outler, Albert. *Evangelism and Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit*. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 1996.

Poe, Harry L. *The Gospel and Its Meaning: A Theology for Evangelism and Church Growth*. Grand Rapids, MI: ZondervanPublishingHouse, 1996.

Salter, Darius. *American Evangelism: Its Theology and Practice*. Grand Rapids , MI: Baker Book House, 1996.

Wood, A. Skevington. *Evangelism: Its Theology & Practice*. Grand Rapids , MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996.

Evangelism and God

Kuiper, R. B. *God Centered Evangelism*. England: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1978.

Packer, J. I. *Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God*. 7th pr. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1976.

Evangelism and Jesus

MacArthur, John F. *The Gospel according to Jesus: What Does Jesus Mean When He Says, i°Follow Me?±* Grand Rapids, MI: Academie Books, 1988.

Miles, Delos. *How Jesus Won Persons*. Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1982.

Evangelism and Grace

Boice, James Montgomery. *Amazing Grace: The Meaning of God±'s Grace—and How It Can Change Your Life*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House

Publishers, Inc., 1993.

Bridges, Jerry. *Transforming Grace: Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love*. Colorado Springs, CO: Napress, 1991.

Evangelism and Repentance

Hooker, Thomas. *The Soul's Preparation for Christ or Treatise of Contrition*. Ames, IO: International Outreach, Inc., 1994.

Immanuel, Babu. *Repent and Turn to God: Recounting Acts*. Perth, Australia: IMI International Ministries Inc., 2004.

Schlink, M. Basilea. *Repentance—The Joy-Filled Life*. 18th pr. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers, 1984.

Evangelism and Faith

Gillespie, V. Bailey. *The Experience of Faith*. Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press, 1988.

Evangelism and Justification

Barber, Jimmy K. *Justification: The Heart of the Gospel*. Memphis, TN: Veritas Publications, 1989.

Buchanan, James. *The Doctrine of Justification: An Outline of Its History in the Church and of Its Exposition from Scripture*. 3rd ed. Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1991.

Bunyan, John. *Justification by an Imputed Righteousness*. Swengel. PA: Reiner Publications, n.d.

Evangelism and God's Kingdom

Abraham, William. *The Logic of Evangelism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989.

Arias, Mortimer. *Announcing The Reign of God: Evangelization and the Subversive Memory of Jesus*. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1984.

Evangelism and Salvation

Estborn, Sigfrid. *The Christian Doctrine of Salvation*. Rep. Madras, India: The Christian Literature Society, 1975.

Evans, Tony E. *Totally Saved: Understanding, Experiencing and Enjoying the Greatness of Your Salvation*. Chicago: Moody Press, 2002.

Hoekema, Anthony A. *Saved by Grace*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989.

Horne, Charles M. *The Doctrine of Salvation*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1984.

Morris, Leon. *The Atonement: Its Meaning & Significance*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1983.

Ryken, Philip G. *The Message of Salvation*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Sauer, Erich. *The Dawn of World Redemption: A Survey of the History of Salvation in the Old Testament*. Tr. G. H. Lang. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1951.

Evangelism and Issues in History

Barrett, David B. *Evangelize!: A Historical Survey of the Concept*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope, 1987.

Johnston, Arthur. *The Battle for World Evangelism*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1978.

McGavran, Donald, ed. *The Conciliar-Evangelical Debate: The Crucial Documents, 1964-1976*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1977.

Stott, John, ed. *Making Christ Known: Historic Mission Documents from the Lausanne Movement 1974-1989*. Cumbria, GB: Paternoster Press, 1996.

Evangelism and Eschatology

Blanchard, John. *Whatever Happened to Hell? 2nd Pr.* England: Evangelical Press, 1993.

Assignments

1. Reading Responses and Discussions

Submit typed (single-spaced) Reading Interaction Summary± (see attached format, one for each reading/article/book) in class for each week's assigned reading. Be prepared, if called on, to lead any of the reading discussions.

2. Research and Writing

Write a research paper on one of the topics below:

- 1) Define and explore the word, evangelism.
- 2) Study on kerygma.
- 3) God's grace for evangelism
- 4) The redemptive work of Jesus Christ as a basis for evangelism
- 5) Relationship of evangelism to the work of the Spirit
- 6) Relationship of evangelism to the work of the Word
- 7) God-centered evangelism
- 8) Church-centered evangelism
- 9) Human roles in evangelism

- 10) Evangelism in the perspective of the next life
- 11) What is salvation?
- 12) The battle for evangelism
- 13) Any other theological aspect of evangelism

1 Topics will be chosen/assigned on the first day of class.

1 On February 19, a one-page prospectus will be due. The prospectus will describe what the author hopes to cover in the paper and what he or she hopes to find out. Students will share their prospectuses with the class for suggestions and questions. On approval of the prospectus by the professor, students can proceed to their drafts.

1 On March 5, a final draft of the paper will be due for review and feedback.

1 The completed research paper will be due on March 19.

Specifications for the paper

- 1 Use Turabian with in-text citations, footnotes, and references cited.
- 1 The body of the paper should be 8-15 pages in length.
- 1 The paper should include an introduction to the topic, apposite historical background, theological and practical reflection, and erudite conclusions in keeping with graduate level work.

3. Paper Presentation

Each student will lead a 50 to 60-minute interactive class session based on her/his research paper. See the class schedule for the dates of specific topics.

4. Annotated Bibliography

On the final day of class, hand in an annotated bibliography of each book and article read for the class and your research paper. Limit annotations to one—at most two—paragraphs. The total reading requirement for this course is around 1,500 pages (not inflated by book back matter—i.e. bibliographies, indexes, and the like).

5. For doctoral students prepare outlines for and lead two 40-minute class discussions on the additional required books in the class schedule; the two will be chosen/assigned the first day of class.

Assessment

Grading (based on 100 possible points)

A = 96-100	A- = 90-95		
B+ = 87-89	B = 83-86	B- = 80-82	
C+ = 77-79	C = 73-76	C- = 70-72	
D+ = 67-69	D = 63-66	D- = 60-62	F = 0-59

Incomplete Work

A grade of I denotes that the work of a course has not been completed due to an unavoidable emergency, which does not include delinquency or attending to church work or other employment. If the work of the course is incomplete at the end of a term without an emergency, a letter grade will be given based on the grades of work done, with incomplete work counted as F (Cf. ATS catalog)

Attendance Policy

One week of class may be missed without makeup. After one week, extra reading is required (50 pages per credit hour missed: from the collateral reading list above) and a reading report of the extra reading. If two weeks are missed, a conversation with the professor is needed and there will be a reduction of grade. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the attendance sheet is marked prior to leaving class. Any questions arising should be addressed to the professor immediately and should not be left until the end of the semester.

Grade for the Course

MS625	Weekly reading reports	20%	
	Leading discussion	10%	
	Research project	40%	
	Other text reading reports		30%
	<u>Total</u>		<u>100%</u>
ME710	Weekly reading reports	20%	
	Leading Discussions	10%	
	Research project	30%	
	Two 40-minute class discussion	10%	
	Other text reading reports	30%	
	<u>Total</u>		<u>100%</u>

Class Outline and Schedule**Feb. 12**

Reflection: Ryken—i°Getting the message out: missionj±
 Course introduction
 Topics of research paper will be chosen.

Feb. 19

Reflection: Ryken—i°Why we need to be saved: creation and fallj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°Seeking Authority in Theology: The Starting Pointj±
 i°The Lausanne Covenantj±
 Doctoral student—Additional book reading presentation
 A one-page prospectus will be due.

Feb. 26

Reflection: Ryken—i°What we need to be saved from: sin and judgmentj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°The Authoritative Word in Theology: The Holy Scripturesj±
 i°The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancyj±
 Doctoral student—Additional book reading presentation

March 5

Reflection: Ryken—i°Why we cannot save ourselves: inabilityj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°The Authority for Evangelism: A Biblical-Historical Surveyj±
 i°Building an Evangelistic Churchj±
 Doctoral student—Additional book reading presentation
 A final draft of the paper will be due.

March 12

Reflection: Ryken—i°Paid in full: redemptionj±
 Drummond—i°God as Father: Author and Creator of Evangelismj±
 i°Evangelical Affirmationsj±
 Doctoral student—Additional book reading presentation

March 19

Reflection: Ryken—i°God, be merciful to mej±
 Reading: Drummond—i°God as Son: Provider and Means of Redemptionj±
 Student—The completed research paper will be presented.

March 26

Reflection: Ryken—i°Born again: regenerationj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°God as Holy Spirit: The Implementer of Evangelismj±
 Student—Research paper presentation

April 2

Reflection: Ryken—i°Blind man, beggar, thief: faith and repentancej±
 Reading: Drummond—i°The Message of Godj~'s Grace: *Kerygma*j±
 Student—Research paper presentation

April 9 Reading Week**April 16**

Reflection: Ryken—i°Alive in Christ: union with Christj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°Goal of Godj~'s Grace: *Soteria*j±
 Hong—i°The Power of the Gospelj± (no reading report)
 Student—Research paper presentation

April 23

Reflection: Ryken—i°Declared righteous: justificationj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°The Nature of Godj~'s Grace: *Basileus*j±
 Hong—i°The Door of the Gospelj± (no reading report)
 Student—Research paper presentation

April 30

Reflection: Ryken—i°All Godj~'s children: adoptionj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°Church-Centered Evangelism: A Practical Approachj±
 Student—Research paper presentation

May 7

Reflection: Ryken—i°Saved to sin no more: sanctificationj±
 Reading: Drummond—i°Scriptural Power for the Task: A Devotional Studyj±

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What are some issues, concerns, or questions you would like to see discussed in class? What contributions can you make from your own experiences?

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